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SUBJECT: PHAN HIEN VISIT TO TOKYO

1. MOFA 1ST SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF
JUNE 27 THAT SRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN WOULD
ARRIVE IN TOKYO ON OR ABOUT JULY 4 FOR STAY OF UP TO ONE
WEEK. WHILE DETAILS OF HIS SCHEDULE WERE NOT YET FIRM,
MOFA EXPECTED DISCUSSIONS TO BE EXTENSIVE, TOUCHING UPON
"GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN REGION" AS WELL AS PURELY
BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS. IN ADDITION
TO TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, MOFA OFFICIAL THOUGHT IT
LIKELY HIEN WOULD SEE PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA, PARTICULARLY
SINCE IT WAS GOJ UNDERSTANDING THAT HIEN WOULD BE
DESIGNATED SPECIAL ENVOY OF SRV PRIME MINISTER PHAM VAN
DONG AND WOULD BE CARRYING MESSAGE FROM DONG TO FUKUDA.

2. WHILE HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIEN VISIT SO SOON AFTER
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VISIT OF IENG SARY COULD BE SEEN AS RESULT OF CONCERTED
GOJ EFFORT TO MAINTAIN BALANCE OF ITS INDOCHINA DIPLOMACY,
HE INDICATED GOJ AT LEAST HAD NOT ORCHESTRATED TIMING.
HIEN HAD BEEN INVITED TO VISIT JAPAN BY VICE MINISTER
ARITA DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO HANOI TWO YEARS AGO.
DISCUSSIONS OF TIMING HAD TAKEN PLACE INTERMITTENTLY SINCE
CONCLUSION IN EARLY SPRING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON DEBT. MOFA

DID NOT RELATE DATES ULTIMATELY CHOSEN TO IENG SARY VISIT,
AND DOUBTED THAT WAS MAJOR CONSIDERATION FOR SRV, ALTHOUGH
REBUTTING IENG SARY AND PRESENTING SRV SIDE OF STORY IN
VIETNAM-CAMBODIA CONFLICT WAS SEEN AS ONE OF HIEN'S MAJOR
OBJECTIVES.

3. OFFICIAL ASKED THAT VISIT BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE
UNTIL GOJ ANNOUNCEMENT, EXPECTED BY END OF WEEK.
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